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SUBJECT: SALE OF F-5'S TO SUDAN: NEXT STEPS

REF: STATE 310598 AND PREVIOUS

1. DUE TO NATIONAL DAY AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY'S, WE SHALL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE DISCUSS F-5 ISSUES UNTIL NEXT WEEK. I HOPE, HOWEVER, TO SEE MINDEF OR OTHER RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS TUESDAY, JAN 3, IF POSSIBLE, BELIEVE AFTER THESE DISCUSSIONS, SUDANESE WILL HAVE BETTER IDEA OF WHAT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS SHOULD OCCUR AND WE CAN HAVE BETTER IDEA OF JUST WHEN VARIOUS VISITS SHOULD TAKE PLACE.

2. IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TO BEGIN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDIS RATHER THAN WAIT UNTIL LAST MINUTE. WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER IN C-130 TRANSACTION, NOT TO MENTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AND GIVEN COMPLEXITY AND IMPORTANCE OF F-5 SALE, WE THINK IT IN US INTEREST TO BEGIN QUIET, INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDIS NOW SO THAT POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OVER TECHNICAL PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS CAN BE AVOIDED AND ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PROJECT CAN BE FACILITATED.
OF COURSE, THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD IN NO RPT NO WAY
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TAKE PLACE OF DIRECT SUDANESE-SAUDI DISCUSSIONS ON FINANCING OF F-5 PACKAGE. BERGUS

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